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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A portable device comprising:
a display screen;
a processing unit; and
memory for storing computer readable instructions that, when executed by the processor,
cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

- (i) receiving a task list, wherein each task ~~corresponds to~~ comprises information known about a unique shipment of goods prior to the shipment being inspected;
- (ii) displaying task information on the display screen;
- (iii) receiving inspection results from a user, wherein the inspection results correspond to a user's on-site inspection of one of the shipments of goods in the task list; and
- (iv) transmitting the inspection results over a wireless communications link.

12. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, wherein step (i) is performed over a wireless communications link.

13. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, wherein step (i) is performed during one or more wired synchronization procedures.

14. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods that is to be inspected.

15. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, further comprising a camera, and wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

- (v) photographing at least a portion of the one shipment of goods using the camera;
- (vi) storing the photograph in the memory; and

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- (vii) associating the photograph with the task corresponding to the one shipment of goods.

16. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

- (v) sending a communication to a second device associated with an X-ray team, based on the inspection results.

17. (Currently amended) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

- (v) sending a communication to ~~one of a~~ device associated with an import specialist and ~~a device associated with a customs inspector,~~ based on the inspection results.

18. (Currently amended) The portable device of claim ~~17~~11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the device to perform the step of:

- (v) sending a communication is sent to a plurality of to at least one devices associated with a customs inspectors.

19. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 11, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

- (v) displaying a research tool in response to a user input; and
- (vi) receiving research criteria input by the user;
- (vii) querying the research tool using the research criteria; and
- (viii) displaying query results on the display screen.

20. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 19, wherein the research tool displays news articles.

21. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 19, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection look up function.

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22. (Currently amended) A computer, comprising:
a display screen;
a processing unit; and
memory for storing computer readable instructions wherein, when the computer readable instructions are executed by the processor, they cause the computer to perform the steps of:

- (i) receiving a task list from a second computer, wherein each task ~~corresponds~~ comprises information known about to a unique shipment of goods prior to the shipment being inspected;
- (ii) displaying task information on the display screen;
- (iii) receiving inspection results from a user, wherein the inspection results correspond to a user's on-site inspection of one of the shipments of goods in the task list; and
- (iv) sending the inspection results to the second computer; ~~wherein the task information comprises at least one of a digital image, a selectable link to view a bill of lading and a selectable link to alert an X-ray team.~~

23. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 22, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods that is to be inspected.

24. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 22, further comprising a camera, and wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of:

- (v) photographing at least a portion of a first shipment of goods using the camera;
- (vi) storing the photograph in the memory; and
- (vii) associating the photograph with the task corresponding to the first shipment of goods.

25. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

- (v) sending a communication to a device associated with an X-ray team, based on the inspection results.

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26. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

- (v) sending a communication to a device associated with one of an import specialist and a customs inspector, based on the inspection results.

27. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 26, wherein the communication is sent to a plurality of devices associated with customs inspectors.

28. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 22, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the steps of:

- (v) displaying a research tool in response to a user input; and
- (vi) receiving research criteria input by the user;
- (vii) querying the research tool using the research criteria; and
- (viii) displaying query results on the display screen.

29. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 28, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection look up function.

30. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 28, wherein the research tool displays reports of trends of imported goods.

31. (Currently amended) A portable device comprising:

a display screen;

a processing unit; and

memory for storing a database and computer readable instructions, wherein each entry in the database is representative of a task and comprises:

..... a first field representative of a priority level,

..... a second field representative of an arrival date,

..... a third field representative of an importer name,

..... a fourth field representative of a risk level, and

..... a fifth field representative of a commodity name;

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and wherein the computer readable instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the portable device to perform the steps of:

- (i) receiving a task list, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods;
- (ii) displaying a task summary list on the display screen;
- (iii) displaying detailed task information on the display screen, wherein the task information comprises information associated with a shipment of goods corresponding to a selected task;
- (iv) receiving inspection results from a user, wherein the inspection results correspond to the shipment of goods; and
- (v) transmitting the inspection results.

32. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 31, wherein step (i) is performed over one of a synchronization process through a second computer and a wireless communications link.

33. (Currently amended) The portable device of claim 31 wherein the task summary list comprises a the priority level, an the arrival date, an the importer name, a the risk level, and a the commodity name for each task.

34. (Previously presented) The portable device of claim 31, wherein in step (v), the results are transmitted over a wireless communications link.

35. (Currently amended) A computer, comprising:
a display screen;
a processing unit; and
memory for storing a database and computer readable instructions, wherein each entry in the database is representative of a task and comprises:
a first field representative of a priority level,
a second field representative of an arrival date,
a third field representative of an importer name,
a fourth field representative of a risk level, and

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..... a fifth field representative of a commodity name;
and wherein the computer readable instructions wherein, when the computer readable
instructions are executed by the processor, they cause the computer to perform the steps of:

- (i) receiving a list of tasks from a central database, wherein each task corresponds to a shipment of goods;
- (ii) displaying a task list on the display screen, wherein, for each task, the computer displays a the priority level, an the arrival date, an the importer name, a the risk level, and a the commodity name;
- (iii) displaying task information on the display screen, wherein the task information comprises information associated with a shipment of goods corresponding to a selected task;
- (iv) receiving inspection results from a user, wherein the inspection results correspond to the shipment of goods; and
- (v) transmitting the inspection results to clear the shipment for passage.

36. (Currently amended) The computer of claim 35, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

- (vi) displaying an analysis report list on the display screen, wherein, when a user selects one the of the analysis reports, a complete report corresponding to the selected report is displayed on the display screen.

37. (Previously presented) The computer of claim 36, wherein the computer readable instructions further cause the computer to perform the step of:

- (vi) displaying an inspection look up box on the display screen, wherein, when a user enters a selected date, a list of inspections corresponding to that date is displayed on the display screen.

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42. (New) A method of clearing a shipment of goods into a country, comprising the steps of:

- (i) receiving at a portable handheld computer a task list comprising a plurality of tasks, wherein each task comprises information known about a unique shipment of goods prior to the shipment being inspected;
- (ii) displaying the task list on a display of the portable handheld computer;
- (iii) receiving user input selecting a first task from a plurality of tasks in the task list;
- (iv) displaying task detail information corresponding to the first task;
- (v) at a location of goods being inspected, receiving user input into the portable handheld computer corresponding to the user's inspection of the shipment of goods corresponding to the first task; and
- (vi) sending the inspection results from the portable handheld computer to a server computer, wherein the inspection results are sent over a wireless communications link.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein step (i) is performed over a wireless communications link.

44. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the information known about a unique shipment of goods includes an image of how the goods are expected to look upon inspection.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the portable handheld computer communicates with a camera, and further comprising the steps of:

- (vii) photographing at least a portion of the shipment of goods using a camera;
- (viii) storing the photograph in a memory; and
- (ix) associating the photograph with the shipment of goods.

46. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:

- (vii) sending a communication to a device associated with an X-ray team based on the inspection results.

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47. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:
(vii) sending a communication to a device associated with an import specialist based on the inspection results.
48. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of:
(vii) sending a communication to at least one device associated with a customs inspector.
49. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising the steps of:
(vii) accessing a research tool from the portable handheld computer; and
(viii) performing research corresponding to the shipment of goods.
50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the research tool comprises reports of trends of imported goods.
51. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein the research tool comprises an inspection lookup function.
52. (New) One or more computer readable media storing computer executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause a user interface to a task list to be displayed, said user interface comprising a plurality of selectable tabs, and further comprising:
(i) upon selection of an alerts tab, displaying a first state in which a task list is displayed, wherein each task's priority level, date of arrival, target location or recipient organization, commodity type, and risk index indicator level is visible;
(ii) upon selection of an alerts details tab or any one task in the task list, displaying a second state in which additional available information about the shipment corresponding to a selected task is displayed or available to be displayed upon selection of a link; and

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- (iii) upon selection of an alert resolution tab or a predefined resolution input control, displaying a third state for receiving as input from the user the inspection results for a shipment of goods.
53. (New) One or more computer readable media storing computer executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause a user interface to a task list to be displayed which comprises:
- (i) a first state in which a menu of links is displayed to the user, and wherein the menu of links includes links to an alerts screen, an alerts resolution screen, and a research screen;
 - (ii) a second state, visible upon selection of the link to the alerts screen, in which a task list is displayed, wherein each task's priority level, date of arrival, target location or recipient organization, commodity type, and risk index indicator level is visible;
 - (iii) a third state, visible upon selection of a task from the task list, wherein all available information about the shipment corresponding to a selected task is displayed or available to be displayed upon selection of a link; and
 - (iv) a fourth state, visible upon selection of a link displayed by one of the first and third states, in which the user is able to input inspection results for a shipment of goods.
54. (New) The computer readable media of claim 53, wherein the second state includes a link to a photograph associated with a selected task.
55. (New) The computer readable media of claim 53, wherein one or more of the second, third, and fourth states include a link enabling the association of a photograph with a selected task.